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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Illinois—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh southwest winds.

ALL HOPE IS ABANDONED

Letter From Man on Sevastopol Tells of Port Arthur's Condition.

SAYS IT MUST FALL

Russians Willing to Die But Blame Generals for Letting Japanese Land.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—The navy department published a letter written by a man on board the battleship Sevastopol, which has fallen into the hands of the Japanese. The writer expresses of relief the fortress and tells of the destruction wrought by Japanese shells. He says the Russians are resigned to their fate and are determined to fight to a finish rather than suffer the shame of surrendering the island.

The fortress cannot resist after December. The progress of the enemy in reducing our principal line of outer defenses is not fully known, but it is irresistible.

"We are badly disappointed over the non-arrival of the second Pacific squadron and are daily nearing our miserable end."

"General Stoessel's so called impregnable line of outer defenses is now a myth. With 202 Mitrailleuses, the fall of Port Arthur cannot be avoided. Its capture by the Japanese means the fall of the town, however, strong the other defenses are."

Old Town Safe.

"The new town is at the mercy of the enemy's fire. The old town alone is defensible and here alone may resistance be maintained."

Two-thirds of the defenders of 203 Mitrailleuses were lost.

The Sevastopol, which was exposed to the enemy's fire in day time on the night of December 8, without being touched left the harbor with only 111 instead of her complement of 660 shells.

When she went out she had her nets down but was struck twice by the enemy's torpedoes and was reached and irreparably damaged.

Isolation Complete.

"We no longer have wireless telegraph system and have no means of communicating with the outside world. Our isolation is complete."

There is a large hole in the hull of the Sevastopol and she is completely disabled.

"Should the Sevastopol sink we are all lost. At a place already decided upon all are, however, prepared to fight to the very last."

From December 1st the enemy's 10-inch shells began to fall on the deck of the Sevastopol and some of them pierced through the decks and to the bottom of the ship.

Who Is Responsible?

"Who is responsible for the fate we face? It is he who did not give instructions for preventing the Japanese landing on the Liaoyang peninsula."

"Among our officers, there are very few who are brave, the majority have no desire to die but to save their own lives, but we are determined to die fighting."

SOUTH OF SHAKHE

Russians Shell Japs And Receive Only Insignificant Reply.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The Russian artillery was engaged in action December 29 against the Japanese south of Shakhai near the railroad bridge, the firing continuing until six in the evening. The bombardment of the Japanese position was effective, the Japanese replying very slowly with shrapnel and Japanese shells and doing very little damage.

IDOLS OF JAPAN GET OVATION AT TOKIO

Naval Heroes At Home Received With Distinguished Honors.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kuroki, with their staffs, arrived this morning. Their journey from Kure to Tokio was continuous ovation. The street were filled with people and the city gaily decorated with flags and new year's decorations. Representatives of the emperor and empress, aristocrats, men, ministers, prominent Japanese and thousands of school children enthusiastically greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The presidents of both houses of the Diet presented them with resolutions of congratulatory commendation passed by their respective branches of parliament.

Preceded by band, the party drove under triumphal arches, waving flags and cheering crowds, to the palace where Togo and Kuroki are reported to remain in Tokio a week.

BIG DRAFT ON RECEIPTS

Leaves Treasury With a Deficit This Year—Panama Chief Cause.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The treasury department today issued a review of the treasury operations for the calendar year of 1904. Treasury receipts for the calendar year 1904 were \$2,000,000,000 and expenditures (including Panama payment) \$2,000,000,000, a deficit for the year of \$2,000,000. Compared with the previous calendar year, the receipts show a falling off of \$2,000,000,000 and expenditures an increase of \$50,000,000. The decrease in customs receipts was \$3,000,000. Civil and miscellaneous expenditures increased \$15,000,000, war department \$9,000,000, navy \$23,000,000, pensions \$2,000,000, interest \$1,000,000.

The increase in interest is due to the fact that the interest on the 1903 was anticipated in 1902. Imports for the first eleven months of 1904 were \$939,000,000, an increase over the corresponding period of 1903 of \$22,000,000. Cash reserve and silver coin held against outstanding certificates was \$29,000,000 January 1, 1904. At the close of the year it was \$24,000,000. The Panama payment account for \$50,000,000 of this decrease. Redemption of 58 of 1904 and national bank note redemptions account for \$10,000,000 more. The balance is due to deficit incurred in carrying on ordinary operations of the government.

ORIGINAL LODGE BILL

For Reorganization of Consular Service Endorsed by Business League.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The executive committee of the National Business League met here today and endorsed the original Lodge bill for the reorganization of the consular service of the United States. The league decided today to throw its influence against the short form Lodge and Adams bills now pending in congress, which would, in the opinion of the members of the league, merely increase salaries without adding to efficiency of service.

EMPRESS IN DANGER

Augusta Victoria Nearly Run Down by Reckless Driver in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—A reckless driver of a heavy truck came near running down the carriage of the Empress Augusta Victoria. He drove toward the station at full speed, through the police line and directly toward the carriage of the empress. The officers barely succeeded in averting a collision. The driver vigorously resisted arrest.

TWO CRUISERS

Reported Detached From Russian Pacific Squadron.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The report that the Russian Pacific squadron of the second Pacific squadron, have been ordered to return, is current here but lacks official confirmation. If the report should prove true, the Pacific squadron may be obliged to await reinforcements from the third Pacific squadron.

BRITISH OFFICER

Went Down With the Japanese Ship Hattusue.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—The Associated Press correspondent from Honolulu says word has been received there by relatives that Captain Glass, of the British navy, was aboard the Japanese battleship Hattusue when she was sunk recently and was drowned. The presence of a British officer on the ship had not been made public before but the news now is said to be official.

FALSIFIED BANK BOOKS

Officials of the Conneaut, Ohio, Bank Are Under Arrest.

Conneaut, Ohio, Dec. 30.—The officials of the Conneaut, Ohio, bank are under arrest. The bank is reported to be in a state of confusion.

RUN PUT AN END TO BANK

Officers Allege It Was Due to Rumor They Held Chadwick Papers.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The officers of the Chicago bank are alleged to have been driven out of the bank by a rumor that they held Chadwick papers.

KUROPATKIN NOT ILL

Neither Is He Anticipating a Big Offensive Movement at This Time.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The war office absolutely denies the report in circulation to the effect that Kuropatkin is ill.

Rumors that he is about to assume the offensive are not confirmed by the general staff where it is pointed out that with the thermometer at zero it is impossible to begin a movement on a large scale without risk of appalling horrors.

RILEY DISCHARGED

But Must Tell Coroner About Suicide Pact.

THE FRIENDS OF TALBOT

Are Pleased With Idea That Huntingdon Signifies Withdrawal.

MRS. ELLIOTT IS PLEASED

Says She Knew There Was Something Crooked in Proceedings.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—Herbert Noble of New York, one of the leading figures in the controversy between Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irving, who held a secret conference here today on the case, said tonight that intimidation had been practiced in getting the Huntingdon signers to repudiate the "Friends of Bishop Talbot," he said "had an agent at work, and we know who that agent is. We have had a \$10,000 more, the balance is due to \$50,000,000 of this decrease. Redemption of 58 of 1904 and national bank note redemptions account for \$10,000,000 more. The balance is due to deficit incurred in carrying on ordinary operations of the government."

THE SANTA FE OFFICIALS

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SOUGHT RUIN OF RIVAL

Allegations of Caledonian Company in Damage Suit Before Commission.

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FORMAL REPUDIATION

Will Be Necessary to Make Huntingdon Step Effective.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 30.—There is no abatement here in the interest in the controversy between Dr. Irving and Bishop Talbot. Respected members taken in the statements of some of the local preachers that they had unwittingly signed the presentment.

Mr. Biddle, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the case, appeared to be pleased when signers had repudiated the presentment. She said she "knew there was something wrong about the proceedings."

Harry W. Pettkin, mayor of this city, and one of the witnesses called to the Reeling inquiry, and who was attorney for the city in the church civil trials here, says he does not see how the inquiry can proceed if the names of any of the signers are repudiated.

"But that repudiation must be made in a formal statement to the court of inquiry, otherwise the presentment will hold and the court will have jurisdiction. There is something strange about the entire proceedings and I do not feel qualified to express any opinion until I learn more of the facts."

James Denithorne declared tonight that Miller had received a telegram from Irving in which the unlocked priest asks Miller not to say anything and that he had written each of the signers a long letter explaining the alleged misrepresentation.

Stirred to action by what they declare was an attempt on the part of Irving and others to use them in the attack on Bishop Talbot, Langdon and Denithorne have started an investigation that promises to be even more startling than the presentment itself.

G. Miller has been called upon to make explanation of his part in the affair, but so far he has refused.

IRVING INSISTS

That Signatures of Huntingdon Persons Were Honestly Secured.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—Dr. Irving held a conference with Dr. Noble and Dr. H. H. H. of New York which lasted until after midnight. When Irving was informed that the Huntingdon signers persisted in declaring they did not knowingly sign the petition against Talbot he made the following statement:

"I have no knowledge as to how the signatures to the presentment were obtained. I was certainly misrepresnted no feature of the case to my knowledge. I sent the presentment to W. S. Miller of Huntingdon to obtain signatures of those persons in the city willing to sign the presentment. I have the utmost faith in the honesty, straightforwardness and uprightness of Mr. Miller and I do not think he used any dishonorable means to secure the signatures. I will not retract my names appear upon the presentment."

FIRES.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fire tonight destroyed the repair barn of the Chicago Union Traction company at Portfield and Washington boulevard. The loss is \$50,000.

WHY BEEF IS HIGH

Croxtan Figures It Is Because There Is An Increased Use.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The American association for the advancement of science today listened to a paper by Frederick C. Croxtan, of the United States bureau of labor, in which he accounted for the advance in the price of beef during the past ten years. He presented statistics in support of his theory, giving the ratio of the supply to the demand, during the period covered by his paper. He said in part:

"The retail price of fresh beef at the present time is about 10 per cent above the average for the period of 1890 to 1899. The margin between beef at wholesale and at retail is usually rather small."

"The most difficult question encountered in the study of beef prices is that of supply. Estimates of the bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, show an increase from 1890 to 1904 of 15.6 per cent in the number of cattle in the United States, while at the same time the population increased about 22 per cent and exports of fresh beef increased 72 per cent."

"It is possible a combination of packers exist, which would doubtless exploit a steady influence of declining prices, or the combination might be strong enough to control to some extent the supply of beef stopped, which would seriously affect the price to the consumer."

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LAWSON HAS NOT QUIT

Quickly Repudiates the Rumor That He Has Spiked Guns.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Is Thomas W. Lawson about to close his war against the Standard Oil and "the system?"

On top of such a rumor, Mr. Lawson and several important men from out of town were in conference from 1 o'clock until early in the evening yesterday, when they left the city to return to Boston today some time.

State street is at a loss to understand the meaning of the conference if it does not have an important bearing upon either Standard Oil or Amalgamated Copper affairs. The rumor that Mr. Lawson has engaged passage for himself and family to Europe, where he will recuperate from the strain of smothering the rumors of his possible departure, is being spread.

It is charged that by the violations of the Elkins law through the giving of rebates, the national government should, if the companies were called to account for each shipment as provided for by the law, throw both companies into bankruptcy through the assessments of fines. Each shipment makes a separate offense and the total is not less than \$1000 nor more than \$20,000.

The alleged discrimination was first charged in a suit filed in the state court by New Mexico recently, in which the Caledonian company pleaded that the rebate existed and had existed for considerable time, and as a result of such discrimination that company was practically bankrupt and was unable to do business within any of the surrounding territory through inability to meet market prices the rebate system made possible for the more fortunate competitor. The suit demanded \$400,000 damages.

At the time this suit was filed the matter was called to the attention of President Roosevelt, but it is not known that he has taken any action in regard to the matter.

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GLASS WORKS OUT OF BUSINESS

Special to The Herald.

Litchfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—The Finley & Shandley glass works of this city is closed for perhaps a week as a result of the terrific wind storm of Tuesday night.

The wind blew the large smoke-stack down, disabling the plant. Men were placed on the work in an endeavor to put the old one up again, but after getting more than one-half of it up, it was decided to close the plant down and rebuild it.

It is estimated that it will take at least three weeks to get the stack up, making it impossible to start before six weeks.

The company has several good orders but have been unusually slow in making them. Nearly two hundred men at excellent wages are thrown out of employment.

PRISONER MEASURED

Bertillon System Applied to Mrs. Chadwick by a Government Expert.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Bertillon measurements were taken of Mrs. Chadwick today by the government secret service expert. The purpose of the system is the identification of criminals. When Mrs. Devere was arrested in Lucas county fifteen years ago, she was subjected to the measurements, and those records are on file. Chadwick will be compared with the Devere record.

Several matters developed in the Chadwick case today that seem to indicate insanity as her almost certain line of defense. It was learned that Dr. H. C. Wyman, superintendent of the Massillon state hospital for the insane, made an examination of the woman last Tuesday. Wyman's visit was kept secret at the time.

A BITTER STRUGGLE

Hungary Will Soon Be in Throes of a Bitter Election.

Budapest, Dec. 30.—All arrangements for the dissolution of parliament have been completed and members of the opposition are at length realizing that Premier Tisa will carry out his purpose of appealing to the country. The emperor-king will arrive Monday and the members of parliament will go to the palace Wednesday for the final act of dissolution.

Immediately afterward the government and opposition will engage in what is confidently expected to be the bitterest and most violent election campaign ever seen in Hungary.

Francis Kosutzy, son of the famous patriot, who is the leader of the opposition, charges the government with raising \$1,750,000 by the sale of titles. Titles of baron, have been sold for \$125,000 while other ranks of nobility have been disposed of for \$12,500.

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T. THOMAS IS DYING

Great Leader is Suffering With An Attack of Pneumonia.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Theodore Thomas, the famous musical director, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and his physicians admitted tonight that he was laboring a grave illness.

Dr. Ely said: "The pneumonia has attacked one lung, but Mr. Thomas has such an excellent constitution that he has at least a chance for recovery."

GOV. MICKEY MAKES STAND

For Personal Bonds by Nebraska State Officers and Causes Them Trouble.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—With Gov. Mickey adhering to his determination to approve nothing but personal bonds for state officials, a perplexing question faces State Treasurer Mortenson, whose bond is furnished by an indemnity company, has been declared by the supreme court illegal. The treasurer said this evening that bankers of the state were disinclined to qualify for the attorney requires \$50,000. Mortenson enters upon his second term next week. For the first term he was bonded by the indemnity company, permitting this. Unless a bond is furnished he must vacate the office.

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WILL PROBE TO BOTTOM

Colorado Supreme Court Orders Investigation of Election Frauds.

WILL OPEN BALLOT BOXES

And Investigate the Registration Rolls—Both Parties Pleased.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Stretching its hand so as to cast a shadow over every man and woman in any way implicated in the election frauds of the city and county of Denver, the supreme court today ordered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election will be made known by judicial inquiry.

More Than Adams Wanted.

Alva Adams, democratic candidate for governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared he does not want the office, today presented his case to the court to open every Denver ballot box, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballot boxes and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, campaign expenditures and, in brief, all election matters.

Lawyers Ordered to Agree.

Attorney Samuel W. Bedford, for Adams, and Attorney J. Hersey, for the republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it meant to do and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order which would be put to the court for approval next Tuesday.

Will Require Months.

As there are 204 ballot boxes it is evident several months will be consumed in examining their contents by the court, experts to be appointed for this work.

F. A. Williams, chairman of the republican committee, published a statement in which he declares that approximately 2000 fraudulent votes were cast for Adams in Denver, and that Peabody and the entire republican ticket were elected by a large majority.

Governor Peabody expresses himself as pleased with the court's action, but the matter is now away from politics and that he considers the decision of the court eminently wise and just.

Legislative Action.

What effect, if any, the court's action today will have upon the course of the legislature in respect to canvassing the vote for governor and determining whether Peabody or Adams is entitled to the seat has not become apparent.

Chief Justice Shafter particularly stated that the court's investigation will not be permitted in any way to interfere with any investigation that may be set on foot by the general assembly.

Republicans as well as democrats admit the opening of the Denver boxes complicates the political situation in Colorado, but believe that it means there will be no "rough house" as predicted.

It was announced late today that the republican plan to unseat democratic senators has been modified and that possibly only Senators Boren and Healy, who were seated on a democratic majority two years ago, will be turned out. It was also reported that on the address of influential republicans propositions to amend the constitution of the United States senate to unseat Senator Teller will be abandoned.

SIGN STATEMENT

Members of Canvassing Board Want Man Elected in Chair.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—The four members of the state canvassing board, tonight issued a signed statement in which they deny there is a conspiracy to seat Peabody and express a desire to see seated as governor the man who has been legally elected.

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CHANGES TO BE MADE

In the Consular Service Include Promotions of Men Who Are Experienced.

WALKER ANSWERS

Charge That Officials at Panama Live in Luxury

Washington, Dec. 30.—In addition to changes in diplomatic and consular service already announced, it is stated that General Porter, ambassador to France, will retire soon after March 31. His successor has been decided upon, but his name has not been made public.

Belony Storer, ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will continue at that post unless the president decides to transfer him to another.

The rumor that Ambassador Meyer is to be transferred to Paris is not certain, and it is reported that the probabilities are he may remain in Rome.

John K. Gowdy, American consul general at Paris, will be succeeded by Francis J. Mason, now consul general to Berlin. His successor to Mason, John Griffiths, of Indianapolis, will be named.

THE STATE FINISHES

Defense Begins Presentation of Evidence in the Wolf Case at Taylorville.

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Taylorville, Dec. 30.—The prosecution in the Wolf murder case rested today.

The defense called twenty or more witnesses and had them sworn. They were character witnesses. George D. R. C. Gordon, Thomas Gordon, Dr. C. Gordon, Kramer and Joseph Maholt had been examined. Geo. D. R. C. Gordon, Kramer and Joseph Maholt testified that so far as they knew Wolf's reputation for peaceableness and quietness was good. R. R. Gordon did not know, Thomas Gordon said from general report it was bad. Wolf will be put on the stand in his own behalf.

KRONER USED GUN

His Fellow Workmen Sought to Prevent Him Putting in Extra Time.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Four men were tonight shot and slightly injured in a fight at Indiana Harbor, thirty miles from this city. The shooting was done by Frederick Kroner, an employee of the American Sheet and Tube company, the injured men being his fellow workmen.

Kroner, who is an expert workman, has been of late doing extra work, and his fellow workmen demanded that he perform